

Scituate Community Preservation Committee Funding Request Form

DATE and YEAR of Application: Sept 30, 2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor or Organization: Friends of Cushing Trail

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PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply):



OPEN SPACE



RECREATION



HISTORIC PRESERVATION



COMMUNITY HOUSING

NAME OF PROJECT: Cushing Trail

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: This ^(paved) trail currently exists on town property and is a walking trail used by students, residents to walk to Cushing School, the sports complex at the HS.

Attach additional pages including summary, budget, estimated timeline and justification of need.

Project Location or Address: (see attached map-p.32 Assessor's Map)

Include map, photo and other imagery for ALL category projects.

If Open Space or Community Housing:

Assessor's Map Page, Block & Lot Number: 32 (32-9-A70), 32-7-25F

Number of acres in parcel: _____

Current Zoning Classification: R-2

Assessed Value: _____

Title in name of: _____

Title Abstract Date: _____

Number of housing units proposed: _____

Summarize how this request benefits the Town of Scituate and meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

This trail (currently paved and on town property) connects two neighborhoods to another, provides pedestrian access to Cushing School, Gates, SHS, and lets Scituate residents walk around town on less-traveled streets.

PERMITS AND APPROVALS

What permits and approvals are required? Have they been obtained or have you filed for them?

Name of Permit	Filed? (Y/N)	Filed (Date)	Obtained (Date)

Have you met with any other Town Boards or committees? If so, what were the outcomes of those meetings? (Letters of support from other Boards and committees should be included in the application or supplied at a later date.)

Notes:

What non-financial support and services are necessary, and how will these be provided?

FUNDING

Describe the proposed funding for this project. Identify other sources you are seeking funds from, and whether those funds are secured. Identify any funds you or your organizations are willing to provide.

The land has been town property for years and we are hoping that CPC funding covers the cost of this trail restoration.

Proposed Funding

Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Sources of Funds other than CPA	Amount	Funding Secured? (Y/N)*
\$	\$		\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

* If the request is still outstanding, when do you expect to hear a decision?

OTHER COMMENTS

Provide any other information you think the CPC should be aware of in evaluating your request for funding.

By signing below, the Applicant represents he/she is duly authorized, agrees to the terms and conditions and all other requirements of this Application and agrees to be bound thereby if funding is granted for the Project.

Date: 9/30/21 Signature: Caroline Meehan

FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE

This request received by Scituate CPC on _____

Copies provided to CPC Members on _____

Additional information required: _____

Committee Vote

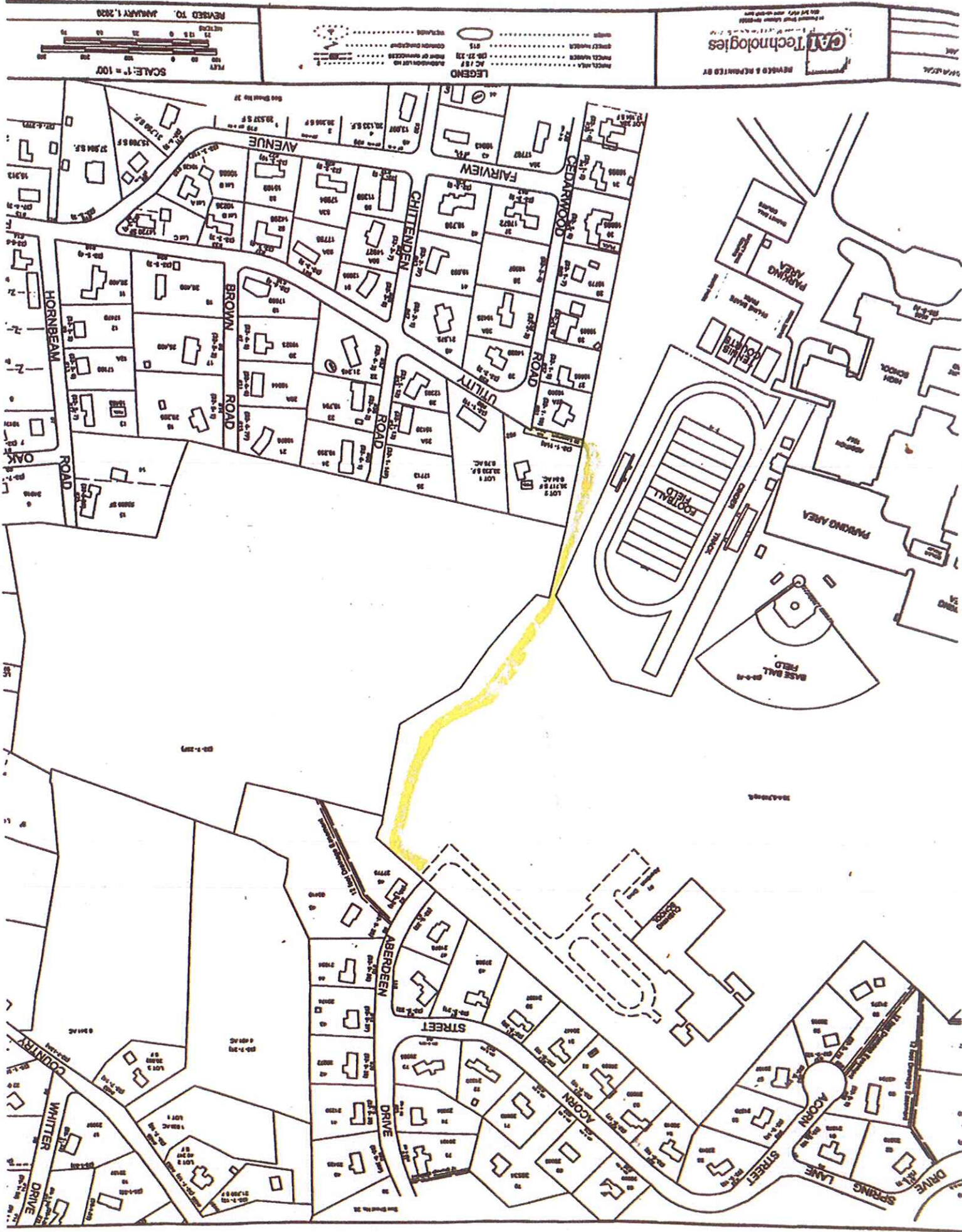
Votes:	Yes / No	Votes: Y/N/Abstain	Date
Recommend to Town Meeting			

Other: _____

LEGEND



SCALE: 1" = 100'



Cushing Trail currently exists as a paved asphalt trail between the corner of Cedarwood Rd/Utility Rd and Aberdeen. The trail has been paved for decades and is loosely maintained by the town of Scituate DPW; it is plowed in the winter and the sides of the trail are mowed in the spring and at the start of the school year. Within the past year or two, DPW has periodically patched small potholes along the trail.

At several locations, the asphalt appears to have washed away.



Despite a drainage culvert that runs underneath one section of the trail, it becomes very muddy with heavy rains and snow melt.



In other sections of the trail, rocks are protruding from the asphalt. Several of those rocks are partially covered by recent asphalt patches.



There are large sections of crumbling asphalt and potholes filled with rocks and weeds.



For children living in the neighborhood on the Cedarwood/Utility end and on neighboring First Parish Rd and Country Way, this trail provides safe passage to Cushing School, Gates and Scituate High School. It connects the two neighborhoods and also provides access (via a gate) to the sports complex located behind Scituate High School.

This path is a beautiful, shaded trail and provides a quiet place for walking, running, birdwatching and enjoying nature.

This trail is used by residents both young and old and ideally, its surface is flat, mitigates fall risks and provides the town of Scituate with a long-term, durable solution at a low cost. We are currently exploring options to either repair the current path or replace sections of it with a surface (wood or stone dust) which will minimize environmental contaminants to the wetland buffer zone.

As mentioned in the 2009 Open Space and Recreation plan, the Scituate [Sidewalk Study of 2007](#), and the updated [Scituate 2040 Master Plan](#), the town of Scituate has prioritized safe, pedestrian access to regularly traveled destinations. It is highly desirable to live within walking distance of schools and athletic fields. This is an opportunity for the town of Scituate to provide its residents with continued safe access to these destinations for years to come.